

CLAIMS

9. (currently amended) A modular plant support system for plants comprising :

a tip, ~~a stake and a connector section~~, a stake, a connector section and holes;

said connector section being attached to said stake;

said connector section being hollow and having a hole on top to allow a stake to be inserted into the top of said connector section and holes along the length of said ~~connector~~ to allow for insertion of stakes therethrough in order to construct a structure;

a separate tip releasably connected to said stake by a releasably connecting means;

a tip releasable means consisting of two generally arrow shaped clips engaging suitably configured and sized notches hollowed out into said stake;

said holes being paired;

a tip releasable means consisting of two generally arrow shaped clips engaging suitably configured and sized notches hollowed out into said stake;

said holes being set perpendicularly relative to each others so as to allow for turning corners.

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REMARKS – claims:

Examiner has stated that the limitation stated in Applicant's argument (3) of his reply to the Office's Action filed December 17th, 2004 was not part of the instant set of claims. Applicant has now put this limitation in claim 9. Since this limitation is supported in the application, most notably the drawings which clearly show constructions turning corners, it does not constitute new matter, is therefore allowable, and is now part of claim 9.

By combining the limitations of the other previously entered dependent claims in the remaining claim 9, Applicant feels that the newly amended claim 9, by incorporating what was previously claim 12, removes all rejections over 102 since that claim was not rejected over 102.

By incorporating the « corner » limitations as explained hereinabove, the newly amended claim 9 now also removes all rejections over 103.

Further, the newly amended claim 9 corrects the objections noted by Examiner.

In view of these, the newly amended claim 9 should contain enough limitations to distinguish it over the prior art and should contain allowable subject matter and thus the application should be allowed without any further actions.